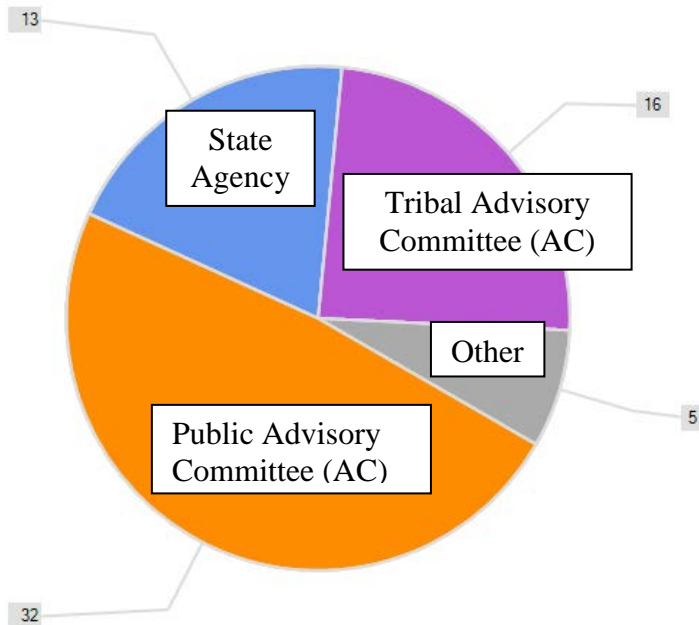


# CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN UPDATE 2013 Wrap-Up Survey Results



## Responses



- Survey period March 19-24
- Survey Pool  $\cong$  100
- 72 Started
- 45 Completed\* (more than 12 questions)
- Slightly over half of total completed responses were Public AC (52% Public AC, 18% Tribal AC, 18% State Agency, 12% Other)
- Other = didn't identify or identified as an alternate, Caucus member, etc.
- 24 Respondents identified by name

\* May have skipped some questions

## Question Types

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## QUESTION 2

The purpose of the Water Plan Updates is to present strategic water planning information. How successful was Water Update 2013 in accomplishing this on the following topics? How important will it be for the Water Plan process to accomplish this in Update 2018?

### Degree of Success in Update 2013

Answer Options	Very little or no success	Less than desirable success	Moderate success	Good success	Very good success
1. Status and trends of California's water-dependent natural resources.	0	8	10	16	10
2. Information on water supplies and agricultural, urban, and environmental water demands for a range of plausible future scenarios.	1	2	14	15	10
3. An evaluation of different combinations of regional and statewide resource management strategies to reduce water demand, increase water supply, reduce flood risk, improve water quality, and enhance environmental and resource stewardship.	0	5	15	14	9
4. Effective actions and policies for meeting California's resource management objectives in the near term and for several decades to come.	3	5	19	10	6

### Importance for Update 2018

Answer Options	Not Important	Lower Priority	Moderate Priority	Higher Priority	Very Important
1. Status and trends of California's water-dependent natural resources.	0	0	9	9	26
2. Information on water supplies and agricultural, urban, and environmental water demands for a range of plausible future scenarios.	0	0	8	13	22
3. An evaluation of different combinations of regional and statewide resource management strategies to reduce water demand, increase water supply, reduce flood risk, improve water quality, and enhance environmental and resource stewardship.	0	0	6	16	22
4. Effective actions and policies for meeting California's resource management objectives in the near term and for several decades to come.	0	1	5	13	25

**Question 2 Other (Abbreviated Summary of Comments)****n=5**

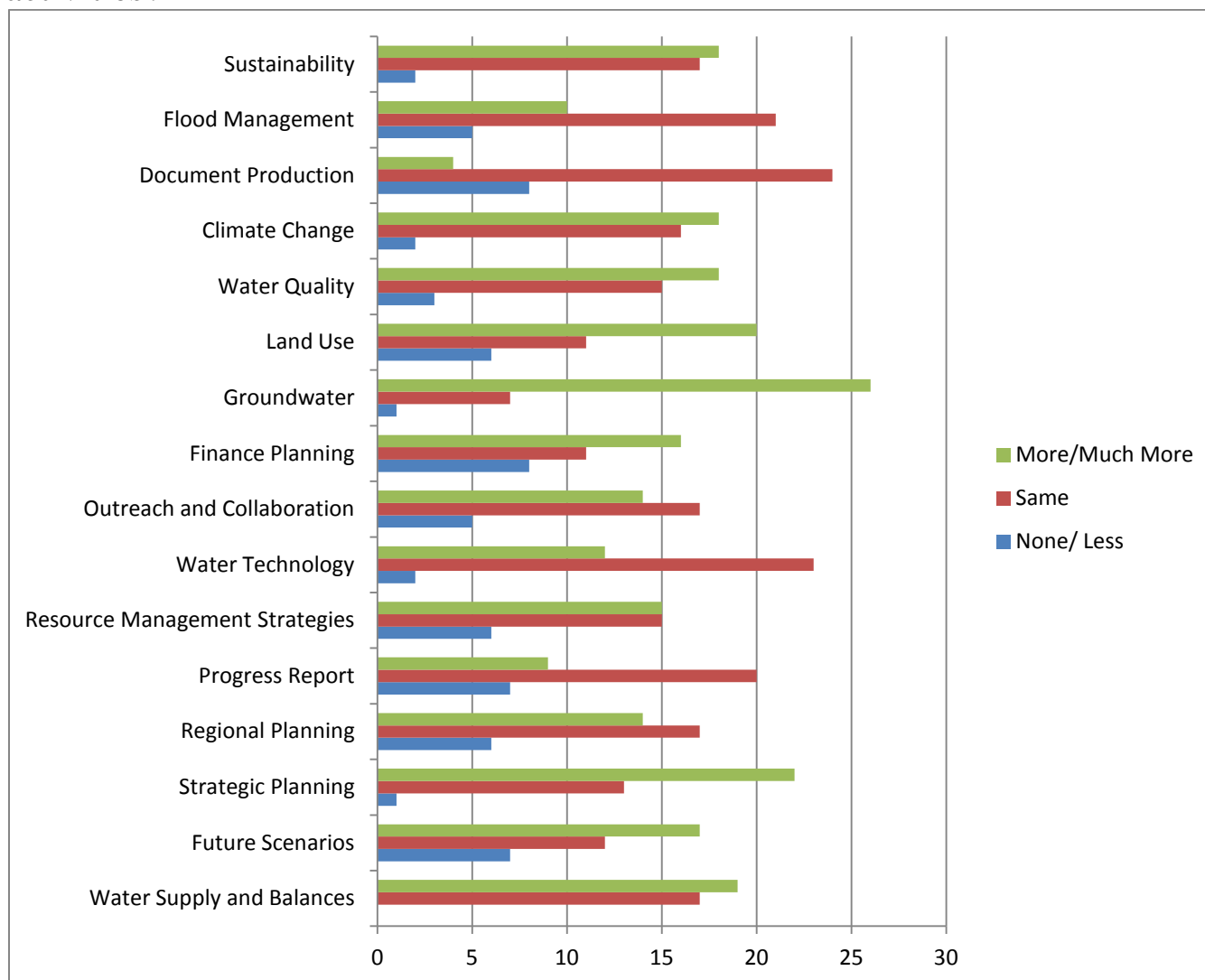
1. Several comments related to wanting to see more Groundwater focus
2. Suggestion to dust off urban water management plans and other "required" documents and put them to use as part of the Water Plan Update.
3. 2018 plan could be organized under sustainability objectives.
4. Suggestion to be less conventional - more bold

**QUESTION 3****How familiar are you with the key activities of Water Plan Update 2013?**

Answer Options	No or low awareness	Moderately aware	Good awareness	Highly aware
Water Portfolios	4	15	15	3
Future Scenarios	6	7	20	4
Strategic Planning	3	7	15	12
Regional Reports	3	12	12	10
Progress Report	6	8	16	7
Resource Management Strategies	2	7	12	16
Technology and Science (	7	16	10	4
Alignment/Outreach and Collaboration	6	10	17	3
<b>Topic Integration includes incorporation of more in-depth work on key topics. Caucus work groups were created for many of these topics.</b>	3	8	18	5
• Finance	5	14	6	12
• Groundwater	2	15	13	7
• Land Use	3	14	11	9
• Water Quality	1	17	14	5
• Climate Change	1	11	17	8
• Flood Management	2	17	11	7
• Sustainability Indicators	3	14	14	5
• Document Production	13	12	9	3

## QUESTION 4

For Update 2018 what emphasis or priority should be placed on the following activities?



### Question 4 Other (Abbreviated Summary of Comments)

n=4

1. Request for more actual data on water balances including groundwater
2. Several suggestions to better incorporate Regional information from IRWM regions
3. Request for better integration of surface water and groundwater, and groundwater and land use planning.
4. Suggestion for more flexible data collection, management, and reporting

### Question 5 (Abbreviated Summary of Comments)

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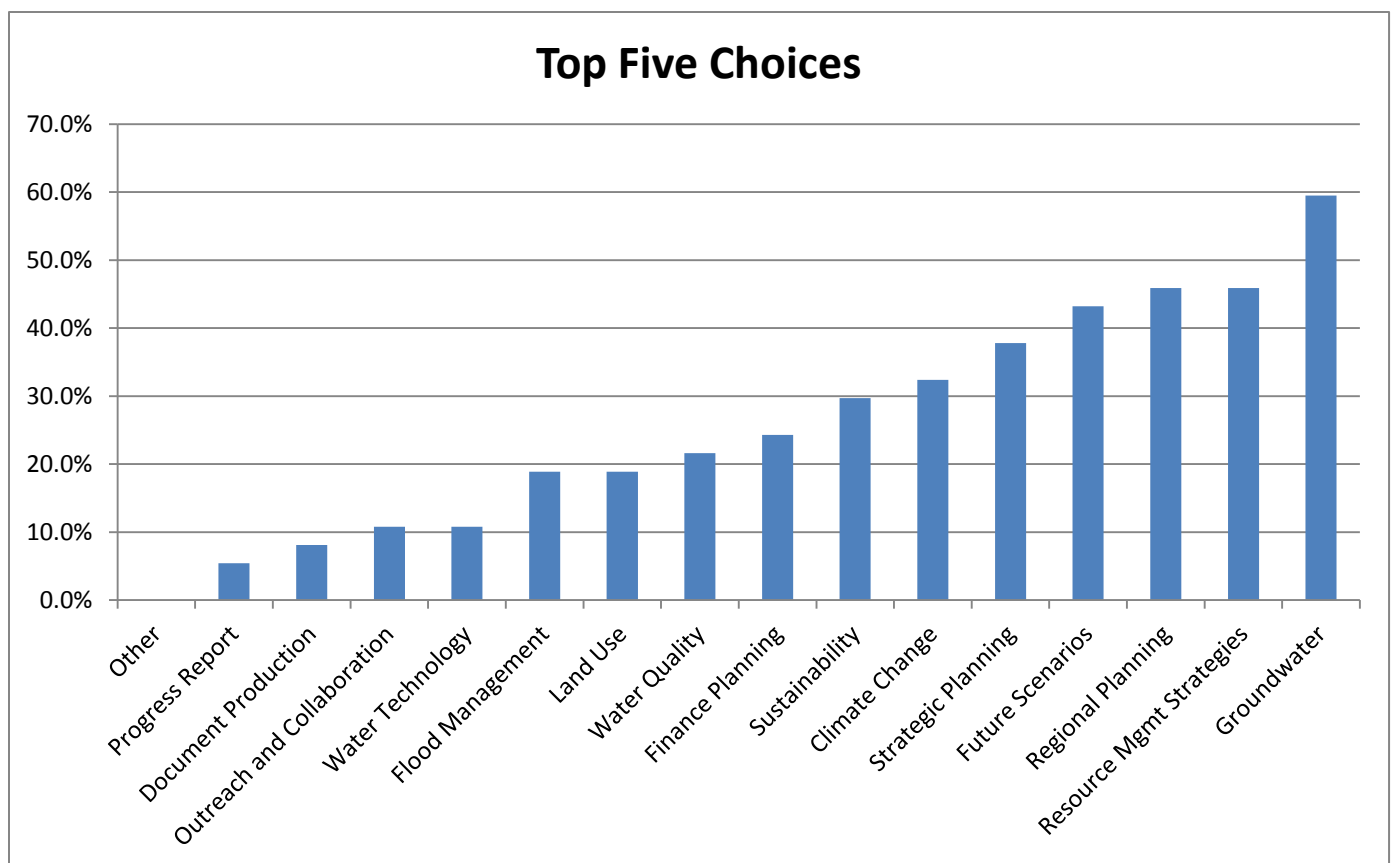
What other types of cost savings related to data should the team be considering?

1. Consider contracting for some information with universities, NGOs, etc.
2. Do a data pull of the State's 58 Counties, such as water measuring on groundwater, well reports, number of domestic and Ag & commercial wells and inter county water exports and import sales to monitor a water balance within the state.

3. Prioritize water use to priority topics that are most important. Focus on key areas, not everything that grows in the garden. The Water Plan does not have to be a California water encyclopedia.
4. Adopt flexible data collection, management, reporting and availability of water and groundwater information
5. Develop web portals to link appropriate databases and develop state databases for Water Plan Updates
6. Use better collaboration both within DWR (among divisions & departments) and between DWR and IRWM Plans, and other state and federal agencies that deal with water.
7. Look at patterns of decision making by the Legislature (funding, laws, etc.) and IRWM Plans - what data was used to make the decisions - focus on that and possibly reduce the analysis provided -
8. Increase remotely sensed imagery analyses
9. Use Overlays like GIS that incorporate land use and water use signatures.

## QUESTION 6

**For this question assume the Water Plan team could only work on FIVE activities. Please check your top five choices.**



**QUESTION 7 (Abbreviated Summary of Comments)****n=23**

**Given the increased importance of measuring and reporting progress towards, and effectiveness of, water management actions, what advice would you give to improve the effectiveness of the Update 2018 Progress Report?**

*"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."*

*Einstein*

• Reduce # of actions by 1/2-2/3.	• Use smaller number of key parameters
• Ask others what metrics they use.	• Collecting info from the IRWM plans
• Use the Internet & different reports for different audiences	• More facts / less emotion, subjective views
• More time for information synthesis	• Get information out to Tribal offices.
• Make objectives-actions measurable/monitor-able	• Devote less effort to measurement & and more to helping regions achieve their goals.
• Focus on a region or two. Cover remaining in summary fashion. Rotate regions in subsequent plans.	

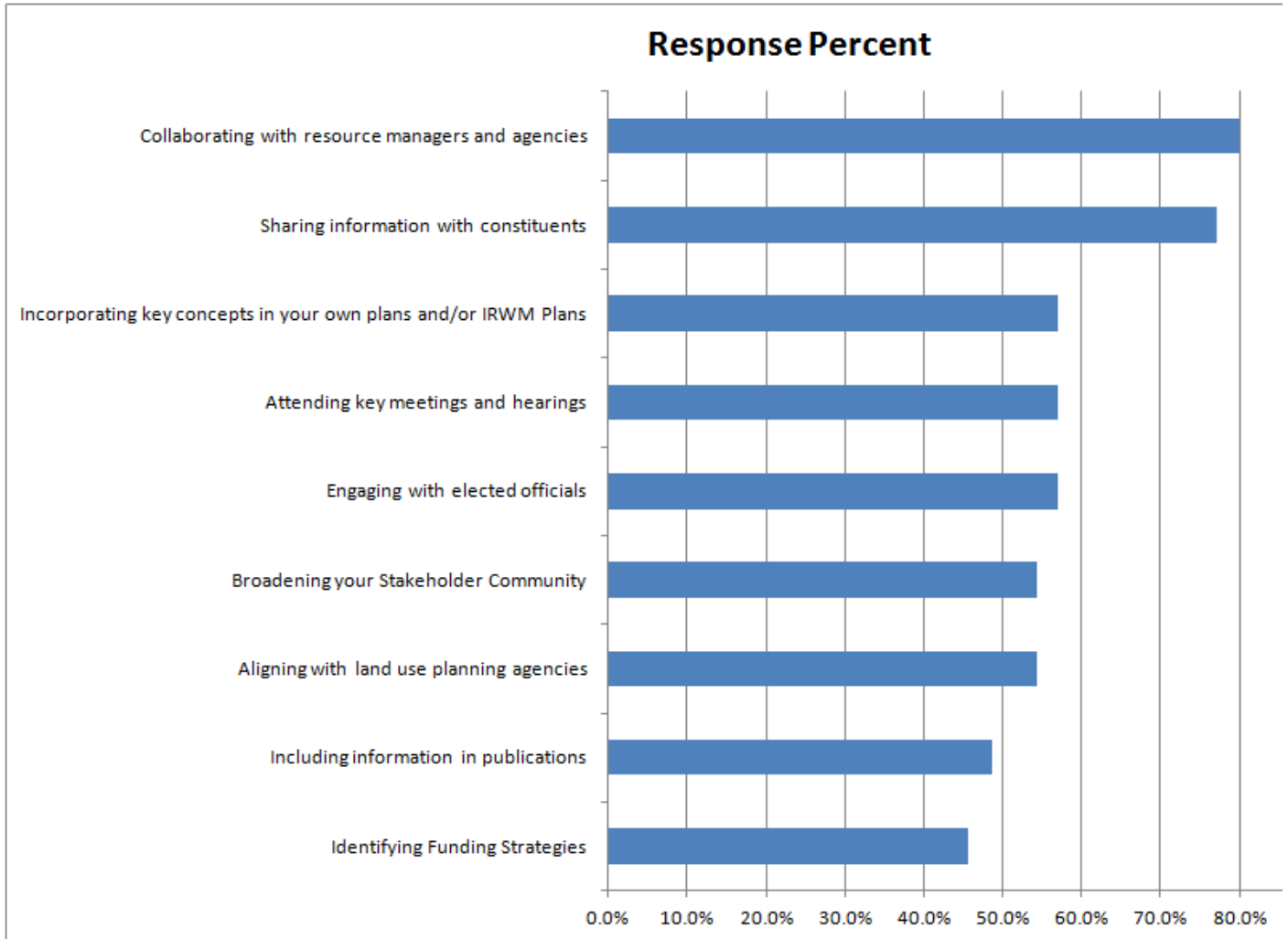
**QUESTION 8 (Abbreviated Summary of Comments)****n=17**

**What, if any, new or different activities should Water Plan Update 2018 address?**

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| 1. Ag sustainability (seven generations thinking)   | 6. Better and consistent accounting of environmental water  | locations (North/South) and water management perspectives  |
| 2. RMS's that will make a difference in 2018 - 2023 timeframe.  | 7. Stronger agency alignment  | 13. Develop storage strategy   |
| 3. More immediacy and relevance to current conditions.  | 8. Integrated water management for adaptation to climate change and more frequent and severe events | 14. More emphasis on water quality and recreation nexus  |
| 4. Promote increased storage in natural storage basins by capturing flood water with new drainage and water transfer channels | 9. Groundwater topics (multiple)  | 15. Youth education and crowd sourcing to bring in fresh, sometimes useful, ideas (From the mouths of babes) |
| 5. Integrate land use and water use decision making   | 10. Subsidence tracking   | 16. Did I mention making sustainability the organizing principle?  |
|   | 11. Nothing new, and a lot less of the old  |  |
|   | 12. Bridge gaps between the multiple physical   |  |

## QUESTION 9

**A purpose of the Water Plan's recommendations is to inform and incent State government water policy and investment. What should be the role of the Water Plan advisory body members in advancing this objective?**



## QUESTION 9 (Abbreviated Summary of Other Comments)

**n=5**

- Advise the public as to increased cost of water to the source.
- Public Advisory Comm. should not become a lobby group. It should hold to highest quality of public input.
- Target and identify ways to involve land use agencies more.
- Use advisory board members/stakeholders for their experiences that cannot be duplicated by State staffers.

## QUESTION 10 (Abbreviated Summary of Comments)

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**How can the Water Plan process better enable you to fulfill your roles (identified above in Question 9) as a member of one of the advisory bodies?**

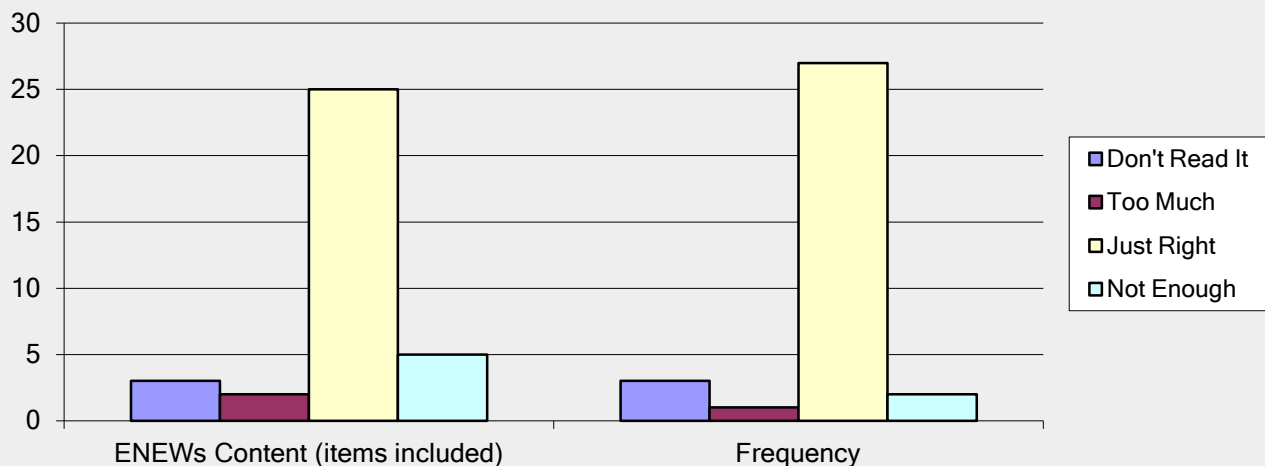
### 1. Prepare Communication materials

- Talking Points, Fact Sheets, Case Studies, briefing PPTs
- Topics: Issues and the importance of water on land use planning decisions, fact sheets on CA water resources, two-page case studies of where which resource management strategies have worked well, milestones

2. Find way for Committee members to maintain engagement between meetings.
3. Provide better understanding that this is a process tool to plan and inform policy makers.
4. Make more information available, including drafts such as the GW Volume, at all stages of development.
5. Prepare recommendations tailored to my stakeholder group.
6. Open up access to the sustainability indicators work group.
7. Continue the Tribal Water Summit. Get top level people there.
8. Improve characterization of some of the regional plans.
9. Encourage stronger collaboration between Committee's.
10. Better leverage efforts of sister agencies tasked with developing resource management plans. Paint a better picture how those plans all work together.

## QUESTION 11

**Water Plan eNews was an important communication tool during Update 2013. Thinking about receiving this weekly newsletter, how would you rate the information provided?**





## QUESTION 12 (Abbreviated Summary of Comments)

n=20

**Related to development of Water Plan documents, some have suggested that it might be possible to use an open source or wiki style input process for text or data. There are some limitations to this type of input; however, if concerns could be resolved, which Water Plan activities would lend to a Wiki-based update approach?**

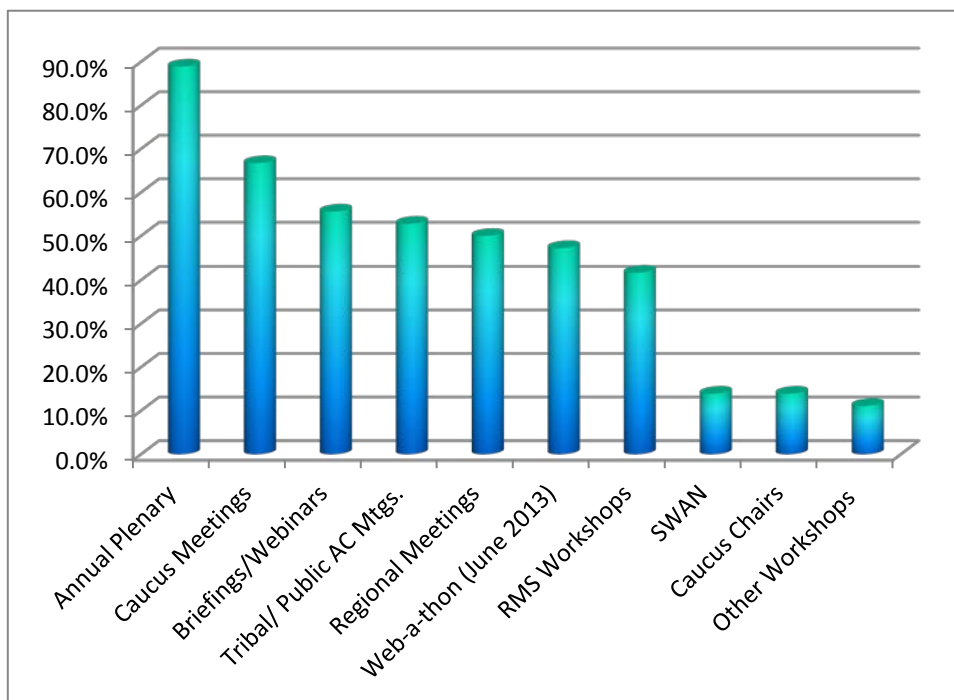
1. No/ None
2. I cannot see this approach working. Caution.
3. It could -- this is a good idea. Anything we can do to share information and collaborate online would be helpful.
4. All

### Suggested Options for Wiki based approach

Regional Reports	Document Review
Actions (crowd source)	Identification of alternatives and scenarios
Outreach and communication	Regional coordination
Integrate diverse sectors like land us and water supply decision making	Resource management strategies description update
Tool box approaches to strategies for water technologies, conservation, permaculture activities, policies	

### CAUTIONS

- Don't implementing a new technology unless it can be demonstrated that it will work seamlessly.
- Wiki-style commentary is open to anyone who has an axe to grind. Edits made with politics in mind allow people to game the wiki system.
- How do you resolve the problem of inconsistency of information provided?



### Question 13

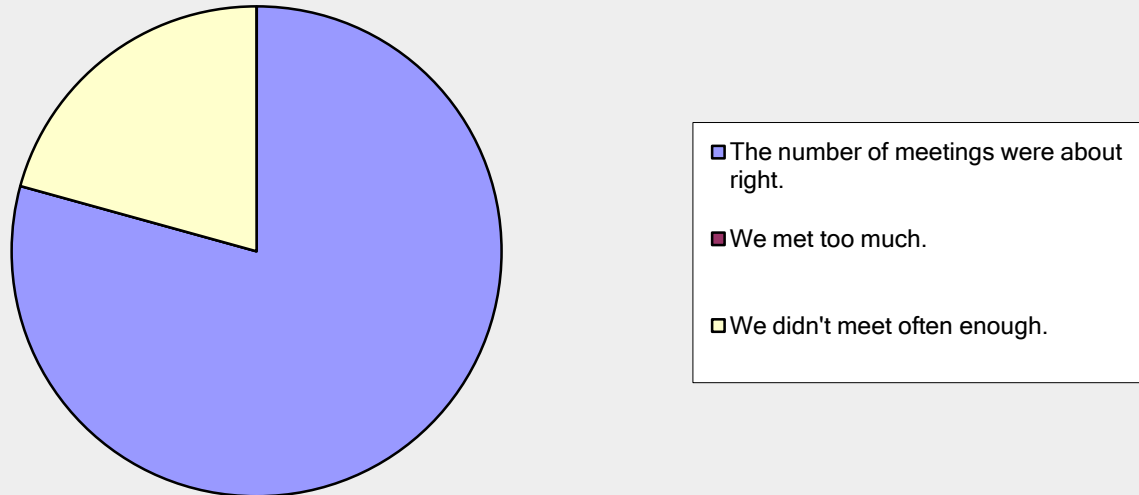
**Please indicate what other Water Plan venues you were involved in.**

Other:

- Tribal Summit (2)
- Tribal Leaders Mtg (1)
- Climate Change TAG (1)

## Question 14

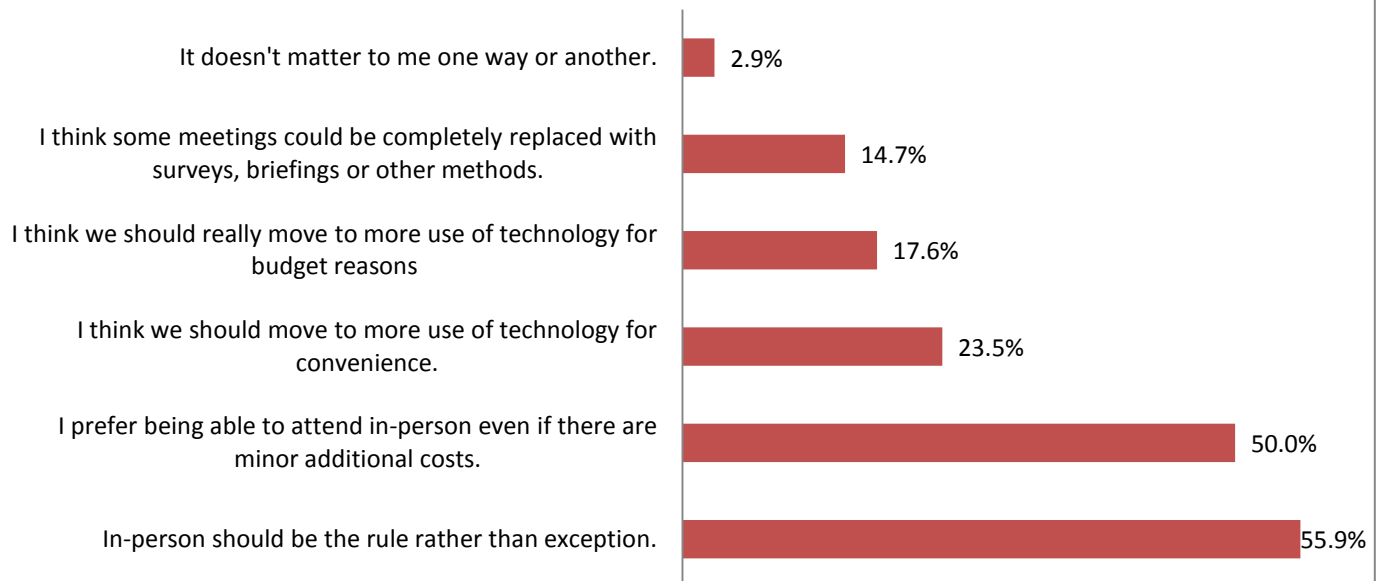
**Thinking about the Advisory or Steering Committee you are a member of, what are your thoughts about the frequency of just those meetings?**



## Question 15

**What are your thoughts about having more on-line/phone meetings?**

### On-line or In Person?



There were numerous Question 15 comments. Most related to ways to do phone/on-line better or why it was important to have on-line and/or in-person options.

#### **Question 16 (Abbreviated Summary of Comments)**

**Outreach and Collaboration for Water Plan Update 2013 was designed to allow Advisory and Steering Committee members to focus on topics they were most interested in through Topic-based Caucus meetings and workshops. Meetings of the Committees focused more on strategic planning activities. What changes would you make to this approach for Update 2018?**

20 responses. Most respondents felt this approach worked well. Several respondents offered suggestions for improvements. A few concerns were also expressed including:

- Too much focus on consensus
- Potential for tunnel vision if you only work Caucus topics, not on the big picture
- Schedule demands / too much focus on schedule
- Seemed to diminish role of ACs/ State Agencies

#### **Question 17 (Abbreviated Summary of Comments)**

**The use of 3rd party neutral facilitators to help with Advisory Committee activities started with Water Plan Update 2005. Since then a number of DWR and Water Boards staff have received facilitation training and in Update 2013 facilitated some SWAN, Plenary and other workshops. Staff also helped with Regional Meetings. What advice do you have related to facilitation in Update 2018?**

23 responses. Most respondents were supportive of the current approach using professional, neutral facilitation on complex, difficult or contentious topics and staff where appropriate. Specific positive comments were offered regarding the 2013 facilitation team.

Many were comfortable with DWR and other agency staff taking on more facilitation for budget considerations under certain circumstances. Concerns related to the ability of staff to maintain neutrality or not defer to higher-ups and the level of skill needed in some situations.

Some identified high standards for professional facilitation, including years of experience and professionalism. One noted, “Good facilitators are born and raised, not trained.”

One suggested that professional facilitation SAVES time and money.

## **Question 18 - OTHER - (Abbreviated Summary of Comments)**

There were 11 other comments plus some comments pulled from other sections that fit better in this general category.

Many comments related to how members felt about their experience and offered reflections and/or offered thanks and kudos to the team. Several compliments were also offered for the other members and the quality of their contributions.

Some members are ready to sign up for duty on 2018.

### **Other suggestions/comments**

1. Plan was supportive of the conventional wisdom and not very creative about solving the nature of the water problems in California. - Break out of the box
2. Make it shorter. Make it simpler. Do not include so much. Do not duplicate what is being done in other plans. Focus. Focus. Focus.
3. Less time on status and process.
4. Did I mention sustainability???
5. Must address drought and climate change impacts.
6. Focus on lessons learned the can be used going forward.
7. Groundwater regulation is needed.

# WORKSHEET - LESSONS LEARNED

## Survey Recap

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## Update 2013 Take Aways

1. What in your view are the topic three things that people should take away from CWP Update 2013?

2. Thinking about Update 2013 what are the things we did that we should do more of for Update 2018? What are the things we should do less of?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Based on what we learned from the CWP 2013 process, what are the top two or three things we should keep in mind as we scope Update 2018?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What was the most striking thing that you learned in Update 2013?

## WORKSHEET - SCOPING

Survey Recap
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<b>Q</b>	<b>SCOPING for 2018</b>	<b>Based on the survey results and other related feedback - what will be important to consider in Update 2018 Scoping?</b>
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## More and Less

Many people believe that some parts of Update 2013 will need little or no updating and can just be moved forward into the Update 2018. At the same time, some believe that Update 2018 will need to break new ground. What Water Plan topics will need little or no work? What topics will need more and/or new work?

TOPICS	
<i>Little or No Update</i>	<i>More or New Work</i>

Any Other ideas for improvement, efficiencies?